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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN LAND-BASED MARINE AND FRESHWATER DEBRIS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption
5 programs. The task force shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the
6 beverage container redemption law in this state to assess its efficacy in
7 achieving Connecticut's recycling goals and in promoting the use and
8 reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally sustainable
9 manner, including, but not limited to, the costs and benefits of such
10 law to Connecticut's environment, consumers, retailers, deposit
11 initiators, and municipalities; (2) evaluate the state of current recycling
12 programs in Connecticut and the opportunities for improving their
13 performance through the implementation of universal access to
14 recycling and deployment of best practices in recycling in households,
15 workplaces and public spaces, including an analysis of the incremental

16 costs and benefits of universal recycling access for the environment,
17 consumers, recycling industries and municipalities; (3) assess the
18 transition costs of moving from the state's beverage container deposit
19 law to universal recycling access and enhanced litter prevention and
20 control efforts in the state and funding options including replacement
21 of the deposit law with nonrefundable fees; and (4) analyze alternative
22 methods of collecting container glass for recycling and reuse,
23 recognizing the unique challenges posed by handling and recycling
24 glass including integrating all glass containers into the universal
25 recycling system or establishing a separate system for glass including a
26 glass-only deposit system for some or all container glass. Such analysis
27 of glass recycling options shall consider relative levels of recovery of
28 alternatives, system costs and costs per ton and shall consider costs of
29 the entire system from consumer to sale to end-use market.

30 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

31 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
32 one of whom shall represent the nonalcoholic beverage industry and
33 one of whom shall represent municipal recycling programs;

34 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
35 of whom shall represent beer wholesalers and one who shall represent
36 chain food stores in the state;

37 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
38 Representatives who shall represent the recycling collection and
39 processing industry;

40 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall
41 represent independent food retailers in the state;

42 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
43 Representatives who shall represent a state-based environmental
44 group with expertise in recycling;

45 (6) One appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore

- 46 who shall represent the recycling, collection and processing industry;
- 47 (7) One appointed by the Deputy Senate Republican president pro
48 tempore who shall represent glass recyclers; and
- 49 (8) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
50 the commissioner's designee.
- 51 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
52 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
53 member of the General Assembly.
- 54 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
55 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
56 filled by the appointing authority.
- 57 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
58 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
59 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
60 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
61 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 62 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
63 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
64 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 65 (g) Not later than December 31, 2017, the task force shall submit a
66 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
67 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
68 relating to the environment, finance and revenue, beverages and
69 licensed wholesalers and retailers subject to beverage container
70 redemption laws. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
71 any recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the
72 recommendations developed pursuant to such study. The task force
73 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or December 1,
74 2017, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section